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H. R. 419

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to make additional grants under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARRETT (for himself, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FROST, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. NADLER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. RUSH, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. LANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Afterschool Education
3 Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) According to the Bureau of the Census, in
7 1995—

8 (A) nearly 7,000,000 children between the
9 ages of 5 and 14 were regularly left unsuper-
10 vised at home after school;

11 (B) of those nearly 7,000,000 children,
12 2,400,000 were between the ages of 5 and 11
13 and 4,400,000 were between the ages of 12 and
14 14; and

15 (C) of those nearly 7,000,000 children, 50
16 percent spent less than 5 hours per week unsu-
17 pervised at home while 13 percent spent 10 or
18 more hours per week unsupervised at home.

19 (2) The Department of Justice reports that 50
20 percent of all juvenile crime is committed between
21 the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on workdays.

22 (3) 21st Century Community Learning Centers
23 give students an opportunity to participate in after-
24 school programs that offer—

1 (A) safe, drug-free environments for edu-
2 cational, recreational, and cultural enrichment;
3 and

4 (B) homework tutors, computer training,
5 nutritional programs, and community service
6 activities.

7 (4) Studies have proven that providing safe
8 afterschool options for children improves grades and
9 classroom conduct and builds peer relationships.

10 (5) Afterschool programs provide the Nation's
11 parents with the reassurance of knowing that their
12 children are being cared for while the parents are at
13 work.

14 (6) The extension of the time period in which
15 the Secretary of Education may make grants under
16 the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Pro-
17 gram gives the grant recipients the additional time
18 they need to establish partnerships with non-Federal
19 entities and to secure the non-Federal funding nec-
20 essary for the continued operation of the Centers
21 after the termination of Federal funding.

22 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.**

23 (a) GRANT PERIOD.—Section 10903(c) of the Ele-
24 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 8243(c)) is amended by striking “3 years” and inserting
2 “5 years”.

3 (b) GRANT AMOUNTS.—Section 10903(d) of the Ele-
4 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 8243(d)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(d) AMOUNT.—In making grants under this part,
7 the Secretary shall comply with each of the following limi-
8 tations:

9 “(1) MINIMUM INITIAL GRANTS.—In each of
10 the first 3 fiscal years in which a recipient receives
11 a grant under this part, the amount of each such
12 grant shall be not less than \$35,000.

13 “(2) MAXIMUM GRANTS IN LATER YEARS.—

14 “(A) FOURTH FISCAL YEAR.—In the
15 fourth fiscal year in which a recipient receives
16 a grant under this part, such grant shall be in
17 an amount that is not more than 75 percent of
18 the amount of the grant received in the first fis-
19 cal year.

20 “(B) FIFTH FISCAL YEAR.—In the fifth
21 fiscal year in which a recipient receives a grant
22 under this part, such grant shall be in an
23 amount that is not more than 50 percent of the
24 amount of the grant received in the first fiscal
25 year.”.

1 (c) CONTINUATION OF FUNDING.—Section 10903 of
2 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
3 U.S.C. 8243) is further amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(e) CONTINUATION OF FUNDING.—The Secretary
6 shall make grants for a total of 5 fiscal years to each grant
7 recipient that received its first grant under this part in
8 fiscal year 1998 or later.”.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 Section 10907 of the Elementary and Secondary
11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8247) is amended by
12 striking “four succeeding fiscal years” and inserting “7
13 succeeding fiscal years”.

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